

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/803,876	PEACHEE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 01/05/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,7-12,15-17,20 and 21.
3. The drawings filed on 12 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ryan McCarthy on 05/25/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

A) In claim 1, line 9, after the word "rotor" insert --- ; the stator segment core including a stack of stator plates; and the stator plates including a radially outer rim section; and a tooth section that extends radially inwardly from a center portion of said radially outer rim section; and projection extending from opposite sides of a radially inner end of said tooth section; and a first and second end caps connected to opposite face surfaces of said stator segment core; and first and second end cap retainer sections that extend along said projections and that connect said first and second end caps,

wherein said first and second end caps and said first and second end cap retainer sections reduce movement of said winding wire during use ---.

B) In claim 9, line 11, after the number “65%” insert --- ; projections extending from opposite sides of a radially inner end of said tooth section; and first and second end caps connected to opposite axial ends of said stator segment core; and

first and second end cap retainer sections that extend along said projections and that connect said first and second end caps, wherein said first and second end caps and said first and second axial end cap retainer sections reduce movement of said winding wire during use ---.

C) In claim 16, line 12, after the word “section” insert --- ; projections extending from opposite sides of a radially inner end of said tooth section ; and first and second end caps connected to opposite axial ends of said stator segment core; and

first and second end cap retainer sections that extend along said projections and that connect said first and second end caps, wherein said first and second end

caps and said first and second end cap retainer sections reduce movement of said winding wire during use ---.

D) Cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 6.

E) Cancel claims 13, 14.

F) Cancel claims 18, 19.

G) In claim 4, line 1, change “3” into --- 1 ---.

H) In claim 7, line 1, change “2” into --- 1 ----.

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose, in combination with all the limitations, a switch reluctance machine with the end cap and end cap retainer structure extending axially and being used for reducing movement of the winding wire during use.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julio C. Gonzalez whose telephone number is 571-272-2024. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8AM-5PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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